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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi, Pastor, St. Patrick Catholic Church, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, we call upon You this cold December morning. You are Light of Lights and Light From Light. You are the Light who pierces the perennial darkness of our world, the darkness of our mind and soul, the darkness of a world at war. Because of You, O living and true God, we live, walk, and have our being. You are Emmanuel, God-with-us.

We pray to You this day that passage from the Advent prophet Isaiah: "Let justice descend, O heavens, like the dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop it down. Let earth open and salvation bud forth; let justice also spring up."

We pray also for peace. Peace in our world begins with peace in our hearts. And peace in our hearts comes from You, Almighty Father. Draw near to us and grant us Your peace.

Encourage us, O Lord, in this holy season in all our humble efforts carried out in Your life-giving name, O Prince

of Peace and Light, Lord of Justice. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MYRICK led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### INTRODUCTION OF REVEREND MONSIGNOR PETER VAGHI

(Mr. FERGUSON asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Monsignor Peter Vaghi for his dedicated service to St. Patrick's Church here in Washington, D.C.

Monsignor Vaghi was born here in Washington, D.C., and attended Gonzaga College High School and the College of the Holy Cross, where he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to attend the University of Salzburg in Austria.

Returning home to America, he went on to get his juris doctor at the University of Virginia Law School and worked in Washington, D.C., before he answered a calling to the priesthood and attended the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy.

Monsignor Vaghi was ordained a Catholic priest on June 29, 1985, and designated a "Prelate of Honor" by Pope John Paul II on November 13, 1995.

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